

RAILWAY COLLISION.—On Saturday morning last, during the dense fog that prevailed, a collision took place at the Heaton Lodge junction of the Huddersfield and Manchester with the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, the circumstances of which are as follow :—From the Mirfield station of the Lancashire and Yorkshire a train runs up to Huddersfield and back again several times during a day, to convey passengers from the Bradford, Heckmondwike, Halifax, and other stations on the old line, towards Manchester. This train is due in Huddersfield at 10 5 in the morning, and some fifteen minutes before it started from Mirfield on Saturday morning, a luggage train towards Manchester proceeded out of the same station. This luggage train had to shunt a number of trucks at the Heaton Lodge junction, for the purpose of being taken to Huddersfield. These trucks were in the middle of the train, instead of being, as they ought, at the latter end, for their position necessitated the leaving of a number of trucks on the main line until the centre portion were shunted, and the two severed portions again coupled. While this was being accomplished, the passenger train before spoken of from Mirfield approached, and though the usual signal for stopping was in its proper position, the dense fog prevented the engine driver from seeing it until he was passing it. He immediately turned off the steam, reversed the engine, and though then only going at a slow speed—some five miles per hour—he saw that a collision was inevitable, and therefore jumped off the engine. By this act he sustained little injury. As he had foreseen, the passenger train ran into the standing trucks. The tender, which was first, was broken to pieces. The engine sustained considerable injury, and several of the trucks, with their contents, were scattered abroad. Fortunately there were but few passengers in the train, and, more fortunately still, no lives were lost, nor serious injury sustained.